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## PATENT

Case No.: 53628US013

## Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Washington, DC 20231

First Named Inventor: Hoopman, Timothy L.

Application No.: 09/821341

Group Art Unit: 3724

Filed: March 29, 2001

Examiner: Clark F. Dexter

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR KNURLING A WORKPIECE, METHOD OF MOLDING  
AN ARTICLE WITH SUCH WORKPIECE, AND SUCH MOLDED ARTICLE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

## 1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on December 2, 2002  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS
- iv. ☐ Other

2. ☐ A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently

## 3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees or credit any overpayments to:  
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